

#2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:

SERIAL NO.:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

UNDER 37 CFR §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98

PTO-1449 FORM

SHEET 1 OF 1

22963-1241

Not Assigned

APPLICANT:

Alan K. Schaer

FILING DATE:

July 9, 2001

GROUP ART UNIT:

Not Assigned

J1017 U.S. PTO
09/901856
07/09/01

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

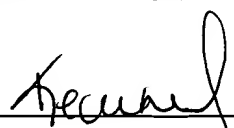
† EX'R INITIAL	*REF. #	PATENT NUMBER	DATE (MO/YR)	NAME	U.S. CLASS/ SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (if appropriate)
AK	*A1	3,910,279	10/1975	Okada et al.	606/47	
	*A2	5,163,938	11/1992	Kambara et al.	606/47	
	*A3	5,242,441	9/1993	Avitall	606/41	
	*A4	5,242,443	9/1993	Avitall		
	*A5	5,263,493	11/1993	Avitall	607/122	
	*A6	5,313,943	5/1994	Houser et al.	128/642	
	*A7	5,323,768	6/1994	Saito et al.	606/47	
	*A8	5,341,807	8/1994	Nardela	128/642	
	*A9	5,363,861	11/1994	Edwards et al.	607/122	
	*A10	5,431,696	7/1995	Atlee, III	128/642	
	*A11	5,454,370	10/1995	Avitall	128/642	
	*A12	5,482,037	1/1996	Borghi	128/642	
	*A13	5,487,385	1/1996	Avitall	607/122	
	*A14	5,555,883	9/1996	Avitall	128/642	
	*A15	5,687,723	11/1997	Avitall	128/642	
	*A16	5,863,291	1/1999	Schaer	606/41	4/1996
	*A17	6,001,093	12/1999	Swanson et al.	606/41	10/1995

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

† EX'R INITIAL	*REF. #	PATENT NUMBER	DATE (MO/YR)	COUNTRY	TRANSLATIO (YES/NO)
AK	*B1	EP 554 722	08/1993	EUROPE	NO
	*B2	EP 609 182	08/1994	EUROPE	NO
	*B3	WO 92/19167	11/1992	WIPO	NO
	*B4	WO 94/16619	08/1994	WIPO	NO
	*B5	WO 95/10322	04/1995	WIPO	NO
	*B6	WO 95/15115	06/1995	WIPO	NO
	*B7	WO 95/34259	12/1995	WIPO	NO
	*B8	WO 97/37607	10/1997	WIPO	NO

EXAMINER'S SIGNATURE

DATE CONSIDERED



11/01/02

† EXAMINER:

Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609.
 Line through citation if not in conformance and not considered.
 Include copy of this form in next communication to applicant.

* If an asterisk is placed beside the reference number, a copy is not provided because the reference was previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in a prior application that is identified in the statement and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120. 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d).